

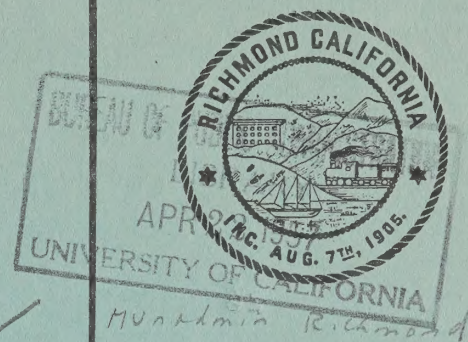
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Councilman Leo Viano on February 7th.

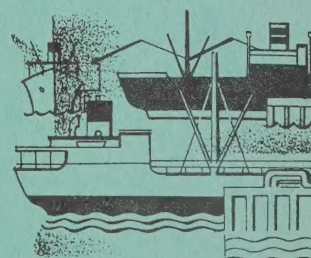
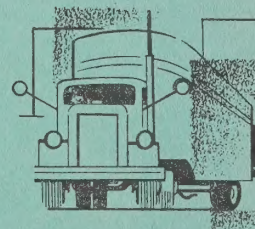
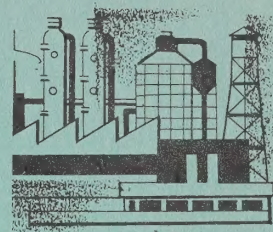
RICHMOND APPRECIATES the alert follow-through interest of Congressman John Baldwin who telephoned our City Manager at 6:30 a.m., Thursday, to find out (1) what was holding up the 1-B project valuations, (2) the latest background on Boeing.

SAME OLD STORY. Top San Francisco Veterans Administration officials (Corbett, Sarles, Marks) were visited Wednesday by Messrs. Cannon, Howell, Rumsey, Mason, Barrett, Tolin and Garvey in an effort to raise VA's certificate of reasonable valuation on land in 1-B (the same old story of local officials pressing for an upgrading of Richmond). After an effective Richmond presentation, VA agreed to have another look at 1-B. Richmond's points: (1) VA's land appraisals were based on comparables which did not in fact exist and on land sales which were made back in the days of public housing blight, reflecting distressed and disgust sales made in a depressed market; (2) No recognition given to heavy investment to date of federal and local government; (3) 1-B was to test market as guide for 1-C, etc., and (4) 1-B court suits made before value added by city's site improvements were actually higher than many of VA's values taken after site improvements.

WATCH IT! Since revenues from property taxes provide the largest single source (over 48%) of the city's needs, collections are watched carefully. This year, after 1st installment, we notice (1) delinquency rate has gone up from 1.47% last year to 1.76% this year -- \$27,000 was not collected which was due; (2) Because of new assessed wealth and a higher tax rate, collections were 13% higher, as budgeted, over last year because of increases in expenditures, salaries, etc. Sensitive controls have been established to alert administration to any serious deviations from normal.

BREAKING THE BOTTLENECK. A bottleneck was removed this week on the all-important sewer project by the ruling of the Asst. City Attorney that all persons hired for the 2 year construction period would be "special assistants" with temporary periods of employment acknowledged by the employee. Failure to expedite recruitment of personnel would delay the start of the project and jeopardize completion in time to receive state monies by June 30, 1958.

PROTECTING OUR INTERESTS. Representatives of Richmond are slated to appear before 3 hearings during the month of February: 6th: Air Pollution, S. F., on open dump burning; 6th: Water Pollution Control, Sacramento, hearing to set statewide priorities on federal sewage aid; and, 20th: Rapid transit legislation hearing in San Francisco.



PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES. The City's dwelling inspection program will begin the 1st of February as a means of assisting homeowners in the detection of fire hazards.

NEW FACES. Friday, Feb. 1st is the first day on the job for the City's first full-time Assistant City Attorney, James O'Drain....and on the same day, Ernest Jorn will join the Manager's office as Administrative Assistant for combined staff work on some of our 125 administrative projects as well as the development of industrial facts and figures for the Industrial Development Commission. Ernest Jorn was born in Richmond 26 years ago and has attended local schools, graduating from the University of California, majoring in Public Administration.

VISITORS ARE COMING. The Mayor and City Manager joined other Bay Area civic officials Wednesday and met with Mayor Christopher to jointly plan the coming AMA convention which is scheduled for San Francisco, Dec. 1-4. A committee of 7 will be selected from the cities in the 9 Bay Area counties: 3-presidents of the Bay Area League Divisions and 4-Mayors. League staff will assist the Committee.

INCREASED COMMERCE. Congressman J. Baldwin advised that the Public Works Committee in the House has received his newly introduced resolution calling for a survey by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to widen and deepen to 40 feet the main channel in San Pablo and Suisun Bays.

ASSORTED BITS. Richmond-San Rafael bridge traffic volume to date is estimated at the rate of 2,500,000 autos a year which will be 1,400,000 less than the original estimate, but still more than needed to break even...Three telephone franchise bills are pending in the state legislature, 2 for constitutional amendments, one to change the public utilities code...Tuesday, the Secretary of State ratified Richmond's 16th annexation (Atlas 3-A and 3-B), thereby increasing the city's size to over 42 square miles.

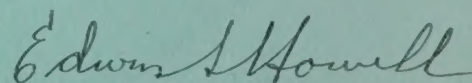
REMOVE THAT SPUR. A communication has been received from Santa Fe in response to a request of the Manager as to the Company's future use of the Ohio Avenue tracks and the 14th Street industrial spur. Santa Fe indicated this was their main line to Oakland and has offered to meet with city officials to discuss possibilities of their relocating the 14th Street industrial spur to approx. 15th Street, meaning the underpass will only go under one and not two sets of tracks.

SENSIBLE SCHEDULING. In the interests of citizen convenience and taxpayer economy, our Dir. of Public Works has received a legal answer to his inquiry approving his suggesting of combining two separate jobs on McBryde Avenue into one contract-the interceptor sewer and the street reconstruction job between San Pablo and Sonoma.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...PHA Central Office in Washington approved the sale of 27th and Virginia recreation building to Richmond Housing Authority. Architect to remodel for possible occupancy by June 30th. City still attempting possible joint use of part of building with RHA for recreation program....the 6th and Maine recreation building has been approved for sale to Easter Seal but RHA has not as yet declared building surplus, holding on to it should it be necessary to temporarily occupy it if they have to abandon Galvin before June 30th...Nicholl train: Negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily with Southern Pacific to acquire a steam switch engine and tender for placement in Nicholl Park.

City Council Invitations

Mon., Feb. 4 - 6:00 p.m. Auditorium: Mayor has arranged joint meeting with the Recreation Advisory Board.


Edwin S. Howell
City Manager

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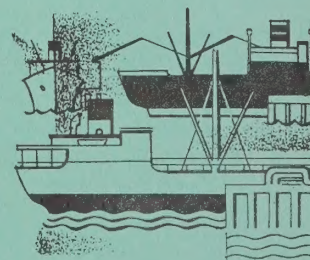
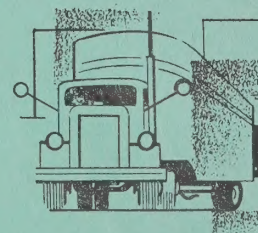
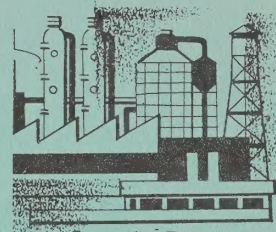
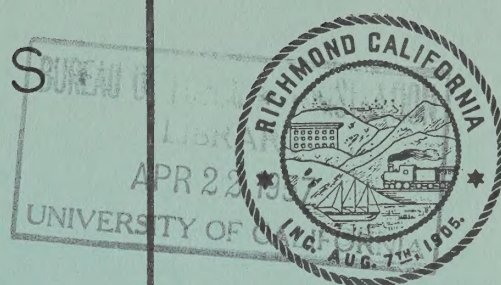
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Councilman Kenny on Feb. 13th....WELCOME HOME from the hospital to Councilman Miller...CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Olvera on his Man of the Year award.

ACROSS THE BAY. The City Manager, speaking before an overflow San Francisco meeting, said Richmond wanted to help their newly formed Air Pollution District and offered interim suggestions: (1) elimination of burning on smoggy days; and (2) development of incinerator standards. Further it was added, due notice and hearing should be given on any proposed resolution of control, keeping in mind local financial capability to put into effect, followed by a program of continuous public relations.

MEANWHILE-AT SACRAMENTO at the same time as the above meeting, Richmond was also being represented at another hearing by John Garvey. The State Water Pollution Control Board moved Richmond one step closer to certification for a \$250,000 Federal sewage grant by placing Richmond in the top group of eligible California cities. Next hurdle: each city so placed must file: (1) evidence that they are ready to go; and (2) detailed plans and specs. Final State answer to come before May 1, 1957. Our thanks go to Senator George Miller, Jr. for his offer of assistance, if needed.

CHARTING OUR COURSE. Monthly, 8 charts are instantly posted in the Manager's office as soon as funds are balanced at the close of the previous month. (Annually, 11 charts are also posted.) The City's present cash position (monthly cumulative account of revenues less expenditures) is good-but \$45,000 below this time last year. Reason: a 2-month lag this year because of state-collected sales taxes. Expend. are up \$248,000 over last year. Revenues too are up by \$203,000. So far, everything's according to budget but the "slow down" sign is out. How tight controls actually will get will depend upon the March sales tax payment. Next week, look for our analysis of General and Capital Fund balances.

THEY LIKE IT. Every day's mail brings messages of congrats and good wishes from people who have received one or more of our new reports-the weekly "Page of Progress" or "Helping Citizens To A Sewer Bond Victory" or "A Successful Experiment In Modern Municipal Reporting". Thank you for your kind words. More readers have been added to our weekly newsletter. We're still getting requests for "Joint Use of Recreation Facilities by Cities, Counties, and Schools" which was delivered by the City Manager at the League Convention in October.



SEVEN PAGE DOCUMENTARY was prepared on community plans, facilities, services and regulations, signed by the Mayor and sent by messenger to VA officials Wednesday in answer to certain community questions asked last week by VA with regard to Richmond's efforts to upgrade land value certification in the Pilot Project.

DOWN ON THE FARM. Next Thurs. and Fri.(Feb.14-15) Ed Howell and Cal Pitchford will be at Palo Alto attending the City Managers' League Spring Meeting. Acting in their absence will be John Garvey.

LATEST IN TRANSIT. 2-County Public Transit Commission adopted a motion Wed. to attempt to acquire an option to purchase the \$90,000 abandoned Sacramento Northern rail line which is to be removed Mar. 1. Richmond's representative at the meeting, Martin Wallen, also reported that the Commission (1) took no action on opposing abandonment of Berkeley's E and F trains; (2) reaffirmed previous policy of opposing complete Kay rail abandonment;(3) expressed some concern about Key's expiring labor contract, May 1.

GOING STRONG. Tues. night's fights at the Auditorium drew but \$42 less than \$4,000 which is a large fight gate by anyone's standards. Richmond is one of the few U.S. cities where boxing is scheduled regularly, so reports Dick Richardson.

REBUILDING RICHMOND FACE TO FACE. Representatives of the Redevelopment Agency have paid personal visits to every home in Eastshore Park Proj.(1-A) to explain how the Project would affect and benefit them. Going along, too, was a representative of the City's Bldg. Div., inspecting each building for compliance with city codes. Market value acquisition was explained even though present plans do not intend to disturb any homes in the Project. As explained, those homes found in need of repairs could qualify for special rehabilitation loans. Those whose homes were not financially feasible to repair would be purchased by the Agency at fair market value. Result: favorable. Lesson: citizens will understand and support the most complicated program if it is slowly developed and explained as it is developed.

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS. The national money market is going up so our Finance Director was right on his toes revising short-term deposit agreements to take advantage of higher interest returns on city loans--this will mean a possible increase of \$3,400 this fiscal year.

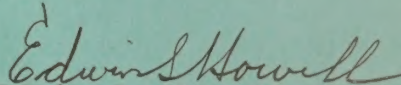
KEEPING AN EYE ON IT. State Sen. Miller notified this week that he'll advise City of any legislation which may be introduced permitting State participation in financing of grade separations under or adjacent to State freeways. Assemblyman Masterson, too, is following this one.

REVERSING THE TREND. In spite of tight money, Richmond's residential building increased 68% in living unit permits issued this Jan. as compared to Jan. of last year...42 units vs. 25. Single family dwellings were up too (19 vs. 17 a yr. ago).

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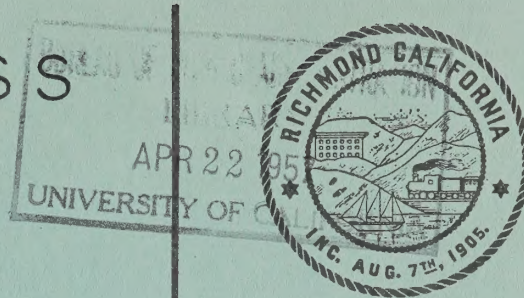
- Mon. Feb. 11 12:00 noon - Auditorium: Exchange Club features Crime Prevention Week and Earle Stanley Gardner as speaker, followed by a Plaza police inspection. Wives invited.
- Wed. Feb. 13 7:30 p.m. - Memorial Youth Center: Richmond Conference of Christians and Jews give a Brotherhood Dinner. Wives invited.


Edwin S. Howell
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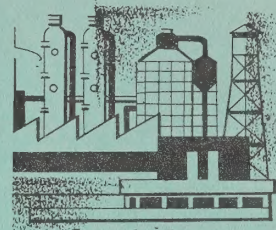


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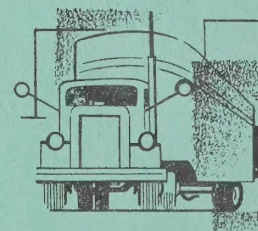
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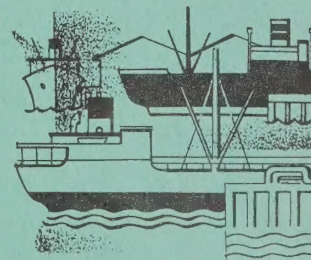
GOOD NEWSWEEK. The past week has seen the successful end of many civic efforts, each accomplishment representing an important milestone in our City's progress: (1) the approval of higher values by VA and FHA, making possible the start of the City's first residential redevelopment project, THE PLAZA; (2) the notice of approval by the HHFA admin. that Proj. 1-C slabs would be removed; and (3) the approval by the Appeals Court of Richmond's annexation, making our City almost the size of San Francisco. Interesting to note: first 2 items were the direct benefits of trips to Washington and face-to-face appeals from top City officials to top Federal officials, ably assisted by Congressman Baldwin and Senators Knowland and Kuchel.



LIFE AND RENEWAL. On Lincoln's birthday, Messrs. Cannon, Howell, Rumsey, Mason, Freeborn and Garvey met with LIFE magazine representative, Robert Loken, who was visiting Richmond to evaluate our recent LIFE-ACTION film on urban renewal, the showing that out-drew similar showings at other East Bay cities. Impressed with Richmond's turn-out, Mr. Loken also discussed his experiences across the US where this film has been showing. It has not been possible to meet the demand of new renewal-conscious cities who want this film shown to their citizens. An exchange of views followed, such as the need: (1) to express renewal, not in terms of the city or neighborhood area, but to the homeowner in terms of the health of the home and in everyday symptoms he will identify and want to correct, such as porch cracks, faulty drains, etc.; (2) to help the home owner to know where to go for repairs and financing; (3) to change the government's thinking and attitude in the administering of urban renewal, particularly their need to grasp the concept of upgrading neighborhoods, not perpetuating past values; (4) the need to get the urban renewal message across to the President and to the Governors. Mayor invited Mr. Loken back to Richmond a year from now--promised we'd have results LIFE could write about. Meanwhile, Richmond will file a community-wide report with LIFE on the values and after-effects of the film showing.



A LOOK AT THE CALENDAR. Council nominations opened this week and Acting City Clerk Cal Pitchford issued the following timetable on the coming elections: Feb. 14-Closing date for primary registration; Mar. 15 (noon)-Closing date for filing for Councilmen; Apr. 9-Primary election; Mar. 21-Closing date for registration in general; May 14-General election.



TIME OUT FOR REVIEW: We were very proud of our Police Dept. last Mon. and of the opportunity to inspect our City's finest, following the Crime Prevention Week luncheon program of the Richmond Exchange Club. Congrats too, to Robert Murphy, Jr. who won the Exchange plaque "Patrolman of the Year!"

THE STORY BEHIND THE MONEY. Both on-street and off-street parking meter gross receipts for the 1st six months of 1956-57 are up over the same period a year ago, reflecting increased use of our 2 parking lots and increased downtown activity. On-street: 996 meters up \$4562; off-street: 218 meters up \$4596. Expenses of collection and maintenance (usually amounting to approx. 21% of amount collected) are up slightly...the annual telephone franchise payment was received in Feb. for calendar year ending Dec. 31, amounting to \$51,822 or \$1768 higher than last year. The telephone franchise expires Apr. 11, 1957 which means City will receive payments for approximately 1 additional qtr...the second payment of newly-inaugurated Uniform State sales tax will be mailed to Richmond from Sacramento in a few days. Advance info indicates Feb. payment will be \$11,756, down \$1020 from payment received in Jan. As reported previously, Jan and Feb payment are both expected to be small since they represent Oct and Nov sales. The mid-March payment will be the largest as most businesses pay quarterly. Meanwhile, our ever-present, sensitive controls are keeping expenditures in balance with revenues

NICE REPORTING. Dir. of Pub. Wks. Dick Lovejoy submitted a comprehensive mid-year report of 250 budget objectives as justified and approved for 1956-57. Congrats to Dick, his staff and Div. Heads for collaborating on this excellent example of progress....Congrats, too, to Bill Mason and Ernie Henderson for excellent staff work on their review of the City's present and future fire house needs. Copies of this report were sent to the City Mgr. Conf. in Palo Alto for display. This report, transmitted to the Council by Planning Comm. Chmn John Massey, is item 5 on Monday afternoon's agenda.

SO CLOSE YET SO FAR. Mayor Cannon recently suggested to AMA that they and GPRA approach nat'l news mags to have them include a section on local gov't (city, county, district) problems and opportunities in addition to the present sections on nat'l and internat'l developments. Mayor pointed out that in spite of local gov't reporting and various efforts, the story of local gov't, though it may be close to the people, is not understood. AMA, too, had thought of the idea-so look for results soon in your news magazines.

TRANSIT. Sherrill Luke, who will file Richmond's position on transit legis. at the Senate Interim Hearing next Wed, reports that at last Wed. mtg. with Rapid Transit Comm, the State won the right to approve transit routes that may affect freeways. Earlier, Richmond had also made this point as to City approvals, but only concession to date has been "due consideration" of City recommendations. Wed., Richmond will claim that what applies to right of approval for State hiways should apply to cities

BEAUTIFYING RICHMOND. Bud Poole, Bldg. Insp., and Zoning Enforcer Fran Winans are patiently and systematically going after the "bad apples" along our City's approaches and throughout otherwise good neighborhoods. Target of efforts: abandoned, dilapidated, unsafe bldgs. First step: owner cooperation to remove or to rehabilitate. Next step: abatement.

THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW. Public Works completed and passed on to Land Agent Forrest Simoni the legals and maps relating to the eventual conveyance of surplus PHA sewer facilities to the City (Pump Stations and 4th & Cutting and at Seaport; Seaport sewer line)....also, Land Agent reports that the original purchaser interested in buying city-owned property on 2nd between Ohio and Florida is now no longer interested....Also, Richmond office, PHA Disposition, advises they are preparing paperwork for early offer of sale of the 45th & Cutting Market Bldg for off-site sale (1-C area)...Monday, our County will be 107 yrs. old, having been created in 1850 as one of the State's original 27 counties...Thanks to some excellent teamwork and timing by Pub. Wks., Finance, Engrg., & Financial consultants, Richmond was 1st city to file supplemental info needed by the State for our Federal aid applic. Plans are now being checked for conformance with "Allowable Project Costs"...Tom Wilson, Parks Supt., advises that on Feb. 11, the Elementary School Board approved a joint-use agreement with the City for use of Wood School site-action on the exchange of properties temporarily deferred until a subseq. meeting when all Board members present to legally approve such action.

Edwin S. Howell, City Manager

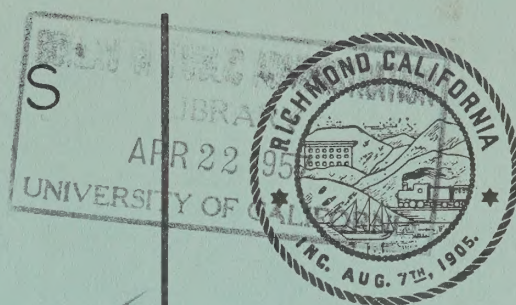
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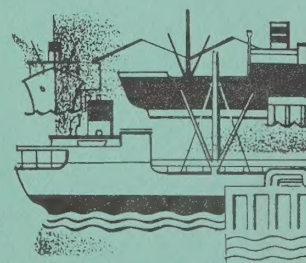
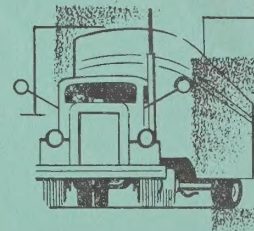
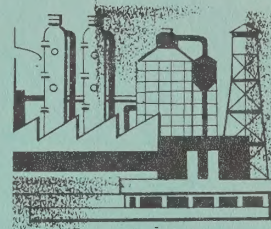


HURRY HOME wishes from the City of Richmond to Mrs. Sheridan, wife of Councilman John Sheridan, who is in UC-Moffitt Hospital, SF, undergoing a series of check-ups. It is hoped she will be home this week-end.

GOOD BUY-PARK LANDS. A staff meeting was held Tues. to plan details of south side land acq. and disp. program for parks. This program was approved by the City Council in anticipation of needs of rebuilding former housing areas in the south side. Present at the meeting: Mssrs. Howell, Pitchford, Mason, Mayfield, Simoni and Garvey. Discussed: (1) Presently, acq. and disp. program to be confined to former area 9-A with Seaport and area surrounding 1-C to be added after Council approval; (2) No north side disposal program planned; (3) South side acquisition priority: 10th -14th, Virginia to Cutting frontage; 5th-6th, Florida-Maine; 28th-29th, So. of Cutting-total acquis. cost: \$339,410; (4) Parks revolving fund to be established: First deposit: \$8,175 from previous Wendell sale; Next deposit: \$28,000 from sale of 1-C city lands to gov't when received; (5) South side acq. to be self-financing from sale or exchange of city-owned lands in area; (6) Revolving fund not to finance park development costs or recreation sites; & (7) Land Agent to evaluate addit. staff needs and to properly document transaction and negot. by estab. system of card control.

BACK HOME. City Mgr. Ed Howell and Asst. Cal Pitchford, are back home after spending intensive two days last week in Palo Alto participating in excellent League Spring City Mgrs. Meeting. Numerous ideas were exchanged on the principles and practices of management. Learned: (1) our city will soon be asked to prepare a highway deficiency report for Federal hiway legislation aid; (2) a new summer intern program of city planners is available to cities from UC; (3) new development of other cities in field of surety bonds and insurance; (4) the money market and importance of careful scheduling of bond sales in amounts necessary to cover 1 year's needs; and (5) a firefighters training course soon will be introduced in colleges, similar to present police training.

UNTIL THEN-WE'RE WAITING. In 1953, State legislature adopted enabling legis. for creation of a metropolitan area planning commission to coordinate and plan development and orderly growth of a given area. Fresno was the 1st to take advantage in 1956, encompassing a 200 sq. mi. area and incl. adj. city of Clovis and portions of Fresno County. Federal planning grants were rec'd and a comprehensive planning program is now under way. This past week, the El Cerrito-San Pablo-Richmond and surrounding county area was selected from numerous other proj. by Miss Roslyn Puterman, Coro Fnd. intern. Meanwhile, we'll wait and cooperate. Results of her study should be interesting.



TRANSIT TALKING. Richmond's representative, Sherrill Luke, reports highpoints of Wed's Transit mtg. of Senate Committee: (1) approval by the Commission of 2/3 vote requirement for bond vote, idea prev. backed by Richmond and other cities; and (2) "zones of benefit" theory would be incorporated as basis of financing a portion of the district's debts.

MANAGEMENT MEETING. Results of the Wed. Department Head meeting:

- A. City Attorney's Office: As a result of new fulltime Asst. CA position, past procedure will continue, which was: (1) Mr. Carlson is still resp. for Office of City Attorney; (2) Mr. Collins is still resp. for matters pertaining to Pensions, Personnel and Planning; (3) Dept. requests for written opinions will still be processed thru Mgr. to CA, who in turn will complete or assign as nec.; (4) Day-to-day verbal or telephone counsel can be made direct to Mssrs. Carlson or O'Drain whichever is convenient. O'Drain will use judgement as to whether to refer to Carlson to answer or to ask for written question.
- B. Monthly Reports: Manager reviewed the depts who have been faithfully complying with July 1955 request for brief written monthly activity reports. Two depts had 100% (Pub. Wks & Assessor); others, good to not so good. CM req. better compliance; said monthly documentation was fundamental to good management.
- C. Administrative Survey: CM said each dept will be asked for a written reply to survey recomm. of Kroeger before any decisions made. Those recomm. involving policy items will not be sched. for Council disc. until all views known.
- D. Budget Timetable: Woody Mayfield released tent dates for 1957-58 budget preparation: Apr 22: Mgr's keynote message; May 8: Revenue estim due; May 20: Expenditure estim due; May 31: End of Mgr-Dept Hd mtgs; July 1: Mgr sends recomm. budget to Council; July 15: Council adopts prop. budget; Sep 3: Council sets tax rate.
- E. Budget Accounts: Woody also disc. prop. consolid. of accounts such as Parks and Health, and others if desired by Dept Hds and approved. Pointed out city's budget controls on a "line" basis, holding Depts to expendit. by items within each depts. budget (for ex: personal services, mtnc & serv., mtl & supplies, etc.) Justif. chg can be made within dept with Mgr. approval.
- F. Financial Charting: Mgr. Howell reviewed 20 financial charts, pointed out city's fin. position was strong, thanks to some fine coop. of dept heads for last 2 yrs. Also pointed out that now city's 10-15 yr. financial trends are clearly documented. More charts in the making. Charts are prep. and interpreted by John Garvey, backed up with some fine fin. figure finding of W. Mayfield and Joe Vargas.

REVENUE REPAYMENT. Next week Redev. Agency plans to send letters of notice to County Auditor and local govt. taxing dists. which levy property tax on Richmond's assessed wealth notifying that, in accord. with approved redev. final plans, annual excess taxes resulting from increment constr. in Pilot, Harbor Gate, and Galvin Projects, will be paid to Agency starting with fiscal 1957-58. This repayment to the City of funds advanced by it, is pursuant to the State Constitution. Pilot and Harbor Gate repayment totals \$789,600.

SAVE & SELL. Efficient industrial mgmt has nothing on our City admin. The recovery of scrap and waste in industry is an impt by-product of mfg. Within the past month the City realized a windfall "profit" of \$420 by putting to bid such items as: old batteries, cracked manhole covers, fenders and gears of wrecked cars, old street signs, used tires, misc. bldgs. Congrats to alert supr. Joe Souza and Carl Hedquist ably assisted by Pur. Aide. Jess Snider.

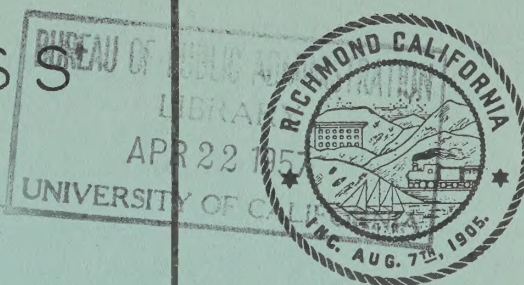
INTERESTING INFO: (1) Pub. Wks field and office supervisors hold monthly luncheon mtgs for better understanding and appreciation. (2) Auditorium's objectionable bdg odors being removed via compressor install. which will circulate chlorophyll in vent system. (3) Richmond's PHA Frank Miskell adv. Seaport slab and site clear. work awarded. (4) City now saving at rate of \$25/qtr. because compen. insur. no longer paid on premium port. of overtime. (5) Closer check of Safeway Cheese Pkg. Plant permit indic. no industrial waste connection will be necessary as cheese scraps separately collected and disposed of, not discharged into sewers.

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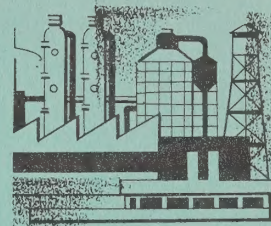
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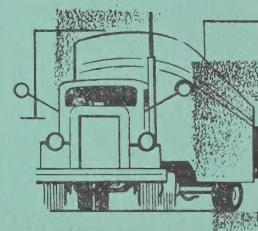
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU TWO. Mon., Mar 4th will witness the birthday celebration of not one, but two of the members of our City Council--Mayor Al Cannon and Councilman Bob Miller...Congrats too to Asst. to the City Mgr., John J. Garvey, Jr. who received the 1957 BOSS OF THE YEAR trophy award at the annual "King and I" National Secretaries Assn. dinner in Oakland Wed. John was the guest of Joyce Peterson, Membership Chmn of No. Bay Chapter.



CITY MEETS THE COUNTY. Councilmen are requested to reserve the evening of Tues. Mar. 12. A joint dinner mtg. with the Board of Supervisors has been arranged, as part of the Mayors' continuing program of joint legislative mtgs with Boards, Commissions and intergovernmental groups. Place: Paul's Place, Martinez. Look for more details next week.

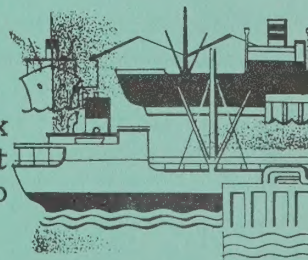


SEVEN MONTHS TO GO. Next week, Mar. 6, the Air Pollution Control Bd. will conduct a hearing and consider for adoption their proposed regulation to end open dump burning in the District, Oct. 1, 1957. To help determine the City's position, the Richmond Sanitary Service has been asked to provide the Council with certain financial information as to their cost of complying with this regulation, what the resulting increase in garbage bills might be, other effects on franchise revenue and costs to the City's taxpayers.



SLABS TO GO. The following letter was received Thurs., confirming verbal info given City Council on Feb. 11, 1957: "This letter will confirm information already informally given to you by the Public Housing Administration in response to your letter of Oct. 11, 1956 that Admin. Albert M. Cole has determined that the Public Housing Admin. will remove the concrete slabe in Redevelopment Project 1-C...M. Justin Herman, Regional Administrator." Our thanks go to Mssrs Cole, Herman, Melville, and Richmond's Frank Miskell for their considerate evaluation and processing of this matter..and to Cong. Baldwin, Sens. Knowland and Kuchel and Mayor Cannon for their effective Washington presentations.

BILL WATCHING. Redev.Ex.Dir. R. Rumsey informs Assem.Const. Amdm't Bill No. 14 has been submitted @ Sacramento which is a potential hazard to Richmond as well as to all cities in the State. On Nov. 4, 1952, voters of the State approved a Const. Amendment by a 2 to 1 majority providing the use of property tax increments (made possible within a redev. project) to finance that project's cost. The above bill contemplates another election to set aside this provision in future proj. Assem. Masterson has been asked to provide copies of bill for legislative review and action.



WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS. PHA Atchison Village Project changed hands in the office of the title company, 10 AM, Feb. 28. We welcome the new owners to our family of homeowners - the Atchison Mutual Home Owners. The new owners are to be congratulated for as we understand, the speed with which their cooperative was formed and contracts entered into was unique in PHA experience...another demonstration of active, citizen spirit. Of interest, is that the 1956 Nat'l Housing Act prohibits similar sales to cooperatives, those which were not under contract on Jan. 1, 1957...as to the Atchison Village Park, the City has been notified that PHA is now ready to process conveyance documents, transferring the park in this Proj. to the City--look for results the end of March...as to the Atchison Village Annex, we understand an early City-PHA meeting will be held at which time final agreement will be reached on the restoration of deficiency conditions for PHA inclusion in their offer of sale. The Annex, because it was subdividable, was not sold to the Cooperative, but will be sold for on-site sale by individual or groups of buildings, as will be determined.

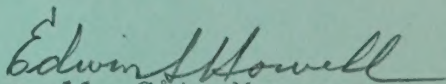
TRAINING FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. One of the responsibilities of public management is in the development of youth and their recruitment for public service. Local govt. should not take a back seat in this effort to either industry or state or federal govt. Coit Coolidge, Librarian, is to be congratulated for leadership in this effort, as are Pl. Dir. Wm. Mason and Pub. Wks. Dir. Dick Lovejoy, all of whom take advantage of summer or class proj. student intern programs by giving youth practical experience in field work. This, needless to say, is also to the advantage of the Dept. involved. The Library's latest program involves the assignment of Miss Shirley Ho from the Univ. of Wash. from April 1-26.

TRAINING IN PUBLIC SERVICE. Management is a never-ending job of self-improvement. Industry spends great sums of money and time in developing their mngmt personnel. The City of Richmond, too, recognizes the value of such an investment. Public management that fails to keep abreast of the latest in their field performs a dis-service to the taxpayers. Last week, a specially-designed 10 hr. course was completed, having been held once a week for 5 weeks, 4-6PM. Points emphasized:

- 1) "Man" is the heart of Management;
- 2) If the supervisor doesn't run an orderly shop, neither will his people;
- 3) The attitude of the supervisor is reflected in his people;
- 4) Mngmt, to be effective, must understand people--subordinates and superiors.

Congrats to Bill V. Morgan, Coord. of Supr. Training, CCJC, who made this course possible. Congrats to the following supervisors who made this course a success: Msdms. Bishop & Lawrence; Msrs. Allgaier, Blake, Brikovich, C. Brown, Coolidge, Cunan, Dover, Ellis Fitch, Glum, Gridley, Hedquist, Henderson, Heydon, Lovejoy, Mayfield, Narvaez, Perkins, Poole, Richardson, Simoni, Souza, C. Smith, W. Smith, VanLoon, Vollmayer, Wallen, White & Wilson. Congrats too to our Personnel Dept. for their leadership in arranging this opportunity. No sooner had the 1st course series ended than a 2nd and longer course started. Bill Morgan will return to discuss the role of the supervisor in management.

PRIORITY FOR LOAN & GRANT. Redev. Ex. Dir. R. Rumsey informs that HHFA has begun to apply the brakes on Title I capital grant funds and that a priority system has been estab. for cap. grant reservations rec'd from Dec. 1, 1956 until the end of the fiscal year. Within the system, 3 priority ratings will determine the order of fund releases: (1) Loan & Grant applics that propose an increase in an existing reservation; (2) Planning applic. for new projs. in cities that do not have any approved Title I projs; (3) all others. Reason: Greater demands for funds than allocated this year. California, for instance, has witnessed the creation of 15 new Redev. Agencies in the last year. Congress is expected to appropriate new funds for fiscal 1957-58. This new HHFA order should have no immediate effect on Projs. 3-A (\$80,000 reserved) and 1-A (\$1,100,000 reserved). It could effect Proj. 1-C if a loan and grant applic. decision is later made.


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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME... Happy birthday next Wed. to City Tax Coll. Forrest Simoni... Congratulations to City Health Comm. Dr. Mills, who will celebrate 13 yrs. with the City next Saturday... Welcome to Mr. Masoud Modabber of Iran who is visiting our Planning Dept. today, having been sent here by HHFA... Anchors aweigh to Mayor Al Cannon who leaves early Sun. morning for 2-week Navy duty in San Diego.

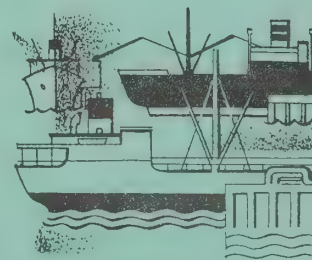
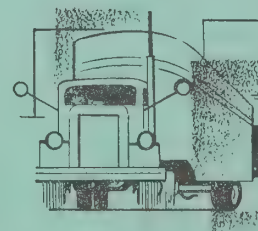
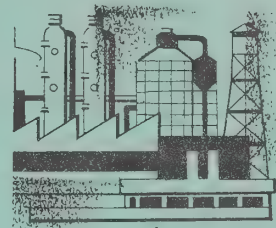
ONE STEP CLOSER. Thurs. the City of Richmond rec'd notice from State Water Pollution Control Board that City's application for \$250,000 federal sewage grant had been approved and certified to US Public Health Service. We understand Richmond is 3rd city in State to be so certified, Fairfield (\$179,235) was 1st; Yountville (\$46,891) was 2nd. Richmond has now qualified before 2 of 3 processing agencies, thanks to voter action of Dec. 11. Regional and State Bd. have approved-we now await Federal action.

THE END OF AN ERA. Last Sun, the last tenant moved out of Richmond's wartime Lanham housing. We have now shed our wartime wraps, having cleared our South side of temp. housing which at the peak, Jan. 1944, amounted to some 16,000 units. Our new city enters a new era...and, on Mon. Apr. 1, bids will be opened for removal of 1-C public hsg. slabs, another sign of cleaning up and rebuilding Richmond.

SCHEDULING FOR 1957. Municipal conferences for 1957 of interest will be: Sept. 9-12--US Conf. of Mayors, NYC; Sept 22-25--League of Calif. Cities, SF; Oct 20-24--Internat'l City Managers' Association; Dec 1-4--AMA, San Francisco.

FACTS WILL SELL US. Into the mail last Mon went a draft of the 1957 version of our City's Statewide Industrial Survey. 150 int. citizens, repr. a cross-section of the community, are now reading this 7 page draft and sending in their ideas so this document can be perfected into a real city sales piece for industrial promotion. On behalf of the City Council and Industrial Development Commission, our thanks go to the Ch. of Comm., City dept. heads, utility companies, business and industrial estab., labor, Bd. of Realtors, and our Boards and Commissions for their contributions. Deadline for replies: Next Tuesday, March 12th. Congrats to Chamber Ex. Ray Reeves and to Ernie Jorn, Adm. Asst., Manager's Office for this factual assembly of basic community information.

RIDING 'ROUND RICHMOND. On Oct. 9 Beninger Co. applied to PUC for changes in routes to link newly annexed areas to downtown Richmond. City endorsed applic. Dec 10; PUC conducted hrg. Dec. 20. PUC advised City, Mar 5, matter still under consideration--decision due in near future.




BASIC TRAINING. The strength of a good dept. lies in good employees. A good employee doesn't come ready-made when hired; he must be trained. Proper training and orientation of new employees repays long term dividends in devoted, capable service to any dept. Congrats to Pol Ch. Chas. Brown who has inaugurated a new recruit training program. Formerly, new employees rec'd but 2 to 3 weeks of classroom training, followed by beat work with another officer for a limited time--then he was out on his own. Now:(1) 3 weeks is the minimum classroom training;(2) another 3 weeks is devoted to acquainting the recruit with every division in the dept;(3) Next comes a 6 week assignment to beat patrol with a fellow officer, who in turn submits evaluation reports; and (4) if proper progress is indicated in all phases of law enforcement, recruit is assigned his own beat. Result: Beter citizen service.

HAPPY TO COOPERATE. Mon, City Council will adopt resol. to PHA in return for which PHA will deed to City, without cost, Atchison Park. A communic., rec'd this week (dated Mar 5) from J.B.Wilson, Pres., Atch. Mutual, indic. Mutual was happy to know City had taken action on acquiring park. Mr. Wilson stated further: "The Corporation is willing to cooperate with the City in getting this park site cleaned up and functioning as soon as possible". Meanwhile, Depts. of Pub.Wks., Recr., and Planning have been asked to submit a study of desired development for this park, to be budgeted over coming years.

S.O.S. Last week's Page of Progress informed that HHFA had imposed priorities on allocating remaining loan and grant funds to Redev. Agencies for this fiscal year. This week, US Conf. of Mayors confirmed the fact that earmarked funds for projs in planning stage total in excess of authorization now available. Needed immediately is prompt increase in capital grant authority of Urban Renewal Adm. President's budget asks for \$250,000,000 on July 1, 1957 and a similar amount on Jul.1, 1958. House subcommittee hearings now underway. Redev. Agency and City to join in support of this approp., sending presentation to Conf. of Mayors for Mar. 13th hearing.

INTERGOVERNMENT IN ACTION. As of Jul.1, 1955, City of Richmond entered 5-yr. agreements with San Pablo and El Sobrante Fire Dists. for service to newly annexed territories. These Dists. were serving these areas before annexed to City. The inter-governmental agreements entered into, although unique in Calif. when adopted, have since become the model used by other Calif. jurisdictions. Avoided are the wastes and duplications of taxpayer facilities. Each agreement provides, among other things, that fire services in areas under contract will be paid for by Richmond on the basis of the relation of the assessed valuation which the contract terr. bears to total assessed valuation of the Dist. To date, approx. 9 sq. mi. of newly annexed territory are under contract. This means that 19% of San Pablo Fire Dist's assessed wealth is now with the City, for which the City will pay the Dist. this year \$34,000. 11% of El Sobrante Fire Dist. assessed wealth is now within the City for which the City will pay the Dist. this year \$4,250. The result of this unique experience: friendly relations with adjoining areas, a practical experience in successful intergov't and good service to our City's new citizens. Thanks to Chiefs M. Mello and C. Matteson for some fine cooperation and leadership.

LATEST IN RENEWAL. Pl. Dir. W. Mason & Redev. Sr. Plnr. R. Reece attended the Lansing, Mich. Urban Renewal Conf. Things learned: Urban renewal is working throughout the U.S., as testified to by some 165 professionals who were present. It was generally accepted that a city with a plan will find renewal one of its chief financing aids. Others ideas were learned which will be of local benefit.


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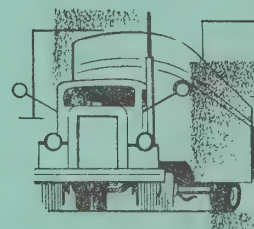
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HURRY HOME and get well wishes to Psnl Bd Chmn Sam Ripley who is confined to Brookside Hospital. Latest report: condition improving--visitors still not permitted.

NEW READERS JOIN US. Receiving copies of the PAGE OF PROGRESS for the first time this week are all the members of the City's Boards and Commissions. We welcome our new readers and hope this media will help keep them informed. In turn, we hope these members will send us impt actions of their mtgs for incl on this Page. Our deadline: Wednesdays @ 5 pm.

RICHMOND LEADS CALIFORNIA. In the past 3 mos, our city has successfully passed 4 stages of processing in its application for \$250,000 Federal sewage aid - each time it completed a step, it moved up in statewide rating. Result: Wed. City was notified by US Public Health that it was California's 1st city to complete all requirements. At the outset, 81 Calif. jurisdictions had submitted applications totalling \$8,000,000. Amount available for this 1st year: \$2,053,000. Richmond's success was due to excellent Council leadership, backed up by some nice departmental teamwork involving the Depts of Pub.Wks, Legal, Finance, working in cooperation with the City Mgr. Our City's plans and specs have been stamped approved by the Fed. Govt. Monday, the City can call for bids.

RICHMOND MEETS MILWAUKEE. An interesting staff mtg was held Wed @ City Hall when Mr. Beernink, Capital Impvmt Coordinator, Milwaukee, met with Messrs Garvey, Henderson, Lovejoy, Mayfield, Reese and Rumsey. Items discussed: (1) Long range capital programming: Since 1943, Milwaukee has had and has since continually perfected an orderly system of cap impvmt planning. Today, its Council agrees to a perpetual 6-yr. program setting forth priorities for impvmt, and annually earmarking a portion of its tax rate for cap expends. Discussed too was the need for coordinated long range planning by all local govt units, not just by cities; and (2) Building Permit Control: Of interest was Milwaukee's ordinance which in effect holds up building permits applied for in areas under consideration for public impvmt. Depending upon the stage of planning of the development, the permit may be held up 60 to 120 days. This reminded us of Richmond's present exper. in Proj.1-A in which the City's Bldg Div and Redev Agency find themselves without legal authority to prevent building which may be adverse to the development of the Project.



AREA OF INTEREST Reprs of El Cerrito and San Pablo appeared before the Indust Dev Comm Thur to express their desire to work with the Comm. El Cerrito's Mayor Cooney said their city pledged their coop to work with Richmond in the common interest of economic growth of the area. Following presen. of Gen. Plan by P1. Dir. W. Mason, Comm mbrs endorsed 18 planning principles which will guide the growth and devel. of the Richmond area. Comm. also adopted policy of a balanced community-commercial, residential, as well as industrial growth; and (2) their "area of interest" would be Metropolitan Richmond. Comm heard also a progress report from Mgr Howell on Beckman negot and an appeal from mbrs of the Comm for an early discussion on the Comm's role in commercial devel. Chamber Ex VP R. Reeves reported on reaction of a major life ins. co. in financing plant devel in Galvin. City's conditions in Final Plan (bldg area coverage, set back, pkg, etc) met with enthusiastic approval; in fact it was wished some conditions could have been more stringent. Ins. Co. thought acre price a bargain, even int. in buying entire Proj. for lease-back arrangements. Reeves pointed out this was 1st time this Co. was interested in investing money in Richmond since days of "Purple Heart" publicity at which time they & other invest. money were frightened away. Reeves thanks Bd of Realtors, CC Dev. Assn, Plan. Dept for their aid in new industry contacts underway. Leaflet was distr. on new Rheem plant, Rd. 20, which is now for sale.

A FATAL BLOW. Last wk, City Council authorized Mayor to write House Comm in Wash endorsing Pres. request for \$250 million Fed capital grants, 1957-58. On Mar. 1 Page of Progress advised of a 3-pt. priority sched. HHFA had put into effect for bal of 1956-57. Both items went out the window last wk when HHFA Adm. Cole cut Pres. orig request to \$175 million & issued new policies: All fed. grants restr. to existing projs or disaster areas. Net effect: (1) prevent new projs from taking place (e.g.: 1-C, Hensley, 9-A, etc); (2) slow down Nation's urban decay fight; (3) poss. loss of grants to smaller cities because of expensive projs in states with large cities. Again this week, an SOS went out to our Wash. reprs.

STOP BURNING. Highlites of Air Poll. Bd's action Wed: (1) adoption of Oct. 1st open burning date; (2) ext. of ban to 3/1/58 for agric fires for brush burning & pest control; (3) ext. of ban to 4/1/58 to allow homebuilders to clear subdivision sites; & (4) a resol adopted prov that garbage disp. cos. could have a hrg if they find they cannot comply by Oct 1. Meanwhile, City will continue to work with San. Co. and change codes and ordinance to comply.

PLANNING RESULTS. The P1 Comm's Thur mtg resulted in: (1) approved closing of Beckman area streets, 24-25, Wright-Hoffman subj to: easements, fire hydrant access, & prot. to city from future right-way acquis. exp; (2) voted to support Bay Area Reg. Plann Bill; (3) presentation in Apr. by Stanford Research Institute at eve mtg Council Chmbrs--mbrs of Council, Ind. Dev Comm, Redev Agency, other interested persons will be welcomed.

CROSSING THE R.R. An appeal went out this wk to State Sen. Geo. Miller, Jr. on SB 2208 which prop. relieving rrrds of all but minor share of costs of rrd. grade separation cost. Our position: to support amend. of Sen McCarthy, SF, to make bill applic only to state hwy, pointing out that in pres form, bill would work severe hardship on city's financing its long-range needs of 11 grade separations. If appr., bill would add 25% addit to city pres defic. of 12 million.

RICHMOND IN PRINT. Nat'l mag. PUB. MGMT, March, featured stories on Richmond--our sewer bond victory and our Page of Progress. League of Cal Cities circl. a spec bulletin to all Cal cities notifying of our reports on sewer bond election and the success of our '56 calendar-report. City pres. receiving many requests from other cities on its sewer bond election. New edition of ICMA's "Municipal Fire Administration" features Richmond's fire trng prog. along with Seattle and Memphis. Congrats to Chief Schmidt and the RFD.


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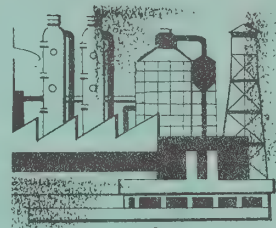
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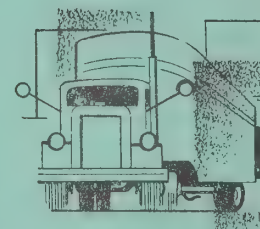
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GOOD NEWS from Brookside. Pers. Bd. Chmn Sam Ripley's condition is improving. Visitors now allowed.

DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT. With Standard Oil's announcement this wk of a \$15 million expansion, this brings to \$65 million, the amount of Standard Oil expansion in the last 5 yrs. Since 1948 when the B1.Div. instituted controls and records on all bl. permits, here's what has happened in dynamic, progressive Richmond: 5,000 living unit permits issued, totalling \$37,500,000; 400 comm. permits, totalling \$6,500,000; exclusive of the abovementioned Standard expansion, 156 ind. bldg. and expan. permits have been issued, totalling \$9,000,000. In addition, are millions of dollars of recently announced new plant and expan. construc. for which permits have not been issued as yet. Thanks to good record-keeping by B1.Insp. Bud Poole, the true story of active postwar Richmond has been recorded. Under the leadership of the City Council, in coop. with the Ind. Dev. Comm., Plann. Comm, Redev. Agency, Chamber of Commerce and other community groups and organizations, our City goes forward as an economic team--to accomplish unlimited objectives in industrial, commercial & residential development and redevelopment.



PAY DAY. With this pay period, a new, more accurate and faster payroll procedure goes into effect. New procedure is based on a "positive" method of reporting attendance, following the pattern of most cities. Our previous method was to report attendance on an "exception" basis. New form now records the full pay period activity of each employee on a single line, instead of being scattered throughout several pages of payroll. Congrats to Woody Mayfield for this new improvement.



RFD-56. Congrats, too, to Chief Schmidt and the members of the Richmond Fire Dept. for their very comprehensive Fire Dept. report for 1956. Building fires (80) were reported to be at an all-time low. The 3 major causes of fire last year: 82-smoking and matches; 67-children @ play; 59-defec. heating. 25 schools participated in the Jr. Fire Dept., involving 2,500 students. These students were resp. for correcting 3,885 fire hazards.

BEAUTIFYING RICHMOND. Maint. of street trees has become big business in our City--this yr for instance our Parks Div will prune 4,000 trees, spray 8,500, fertilize 3,000 and plant 2,000. Thanks to some nice support and promotion from the Exchange Club and the Jr. Women's City Club, our City's tree-planting is making great progress.



BUSY AND ACTIVE. The monthly administrative reports from Pub Wks Dir R. Lovejoy are condensed and well-written by all Divisions, properly documented as to the current status of active proj's. Some of the items of interest: Cunan: plans started on Ohio Ave impvmt, 1st to 10th; prelim work compl on widening NW corner, 15th and Nevin; plans compl on miniature farm zoo; Blake: Compl. of property ownership survey map of areas surrounding Richmond; Hedquist: Compl. wk. in Asst City Attny's ofc; started central lumber storage shed, Corp Yd; Nelson: Completed electrolier installation in center of Aud. pkg lot @ cost of \$2,000; Dameral: approx. 16,500 sq ft of sidewalks, gutters, and 1,400 lin ft. of curbs inst. under 1911 Act; Souza: 420 repair orders performed @ Corp Yd; Wilson: Park Div approved plans for freeway planting, BayView to Dam Rd, US 40; Gridley: Paved paths at Memorial Park; Wallen: New pkg mtr study in process for Central Business District; Poole: monthly increase reported in bldg permits issued. The above are but a few items taken from the 20-pg. mo. report. CONGRATS to Dept of Pub Wks for a good report on a busy schedule.

BEAT BOUNDARIES. The Police Dept, ever alert to serving the City's shifting population needs, has completed a 6 mos survey in the Patrol Section, Uniform Div. As a result, new beat boundaries will go into effect April 7th.

THE KIWANISVILLE CHOO CHOO. This mo, the Nicholl Park miniature train rolled out of the depot on its 1957 run, going round and round with lots of happy sounds every Sat, Sun, holiday and vacation schedule, weather permitting. CONGRATS to Kiwanis and the Park Div for this wonderful, well-received kiddie service.

TIME FOR TEA. This past wk witnessed the 3rd anniversary of the operation of the Employees Coffee Room. In 1954, the City and Muni Employees Assn entered a partnership operation to provide coffee-break refreshments and light luncheon facilities for employees in the then newly-built recreation room, basement, City Hall. Result to date: successful. Conditions of agreement: City provides bldg facilities, utilities; Employees Assn contracts with a cateress, estab. items to be sold, their prices, receives 17½% of revenues less certain costs and buys certain items of kitchen equip. Cateress takes care of mntnce of rooms, provides liability ins., serves special groups @ work lunches in adjoining Conference Rm. CONGRATS to Employees Assn and to cateress, Mrs. Carter, for good coffee and food well served.

BRIEF BITS. Fred Bold and Assemblyman S.C. Masterson represented Richmond's interests in Sacramento Mon, speaking so convincingly against ACA 14 (the prop. legis to kill redevelopment financing increment principle)--that the Committee on Const. Amendments voted to keep the bill in committee--a sign it was killed.... Barrett Construction advises that footings will be poured for THE PLAZA soon.

City Council Invitations

Wed. Apr 3 - 8 PM	Open House, Calif. Nat'l Guard, 624 Carlson Blvd., celebrating 5th anniversary of organization in Richmond.
Thu. Apr 4 - 8 PM	San Pablo City Hall - Ken Williams, City Mgr., invites Richmond representatives to discuss joint City-School recreation program for newly annexed areas. Cal Pitchford to represent Office of City Manager. City Council Recreation Committee urged to attend.


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CONGRATS AND GOOD WISHES... to Pub Wks Dir Dick Lovejoy who will celebrate his birthday next Friday...Congrats too to TRIBUNE rept'r Bill Doyle, new Pres., Jr. Chamber of Comm.

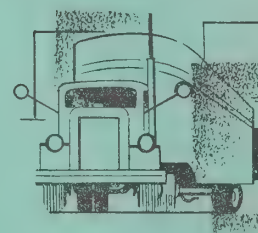
DON'T MISS IT. Mbrs of the City Council, the City's various Boards and Commissions, community leaders and orgs., plus city's admin. and supr. staff should make every effort to attend a public presentation of the final report on a study made by the Stanford Research Institute into factors affecting industrial development in the Richmond area. Time: 7:30 pm, Council Chambers, Wed., Apr 10th. Host: Richmond Plann. Comm.

WORKING TOGETHER. Congrats to Supervisor Ivan Goyak for his leadership in calling together all the cities in his District No. 1 for the 1st of a series of monthly or bi-monthly inter-governmental meetings. Objectives: better city-county understanding, leading to prompt and united action on mutual probs. related to countywide and Dist. No. 1 activities & development.

DO PASS. The Transp. Comm unanimously appr'v'd the Rapid Transit Bill last Tues in Sacto, so reports Sherrill Luke, Adm. Asst, who repr. Richmond. Biggest item of discussion: whether State should collect Distr. sales tax, in view of Uniform legislation intent. This resulted in amendm't making Distr. collect own sales tax (if such rev. source is approved by 2/3 vote requirem't). Other amendments:(1) deletion of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties;(2) PUC control of Distr's safety regulations. San Francisco, their pos. still not decided, first asked for a wk's postponm't of bill, failing that, were successful in getting Comm to agree to hold bill until SF pos. made clear.

SACTO INFO. Items of interest on legis. devel. @ Sacto:
SB 2208: Senate approved Railroad Grade Separ. Bill, as amended, omitting cities and counties (our pos.,too). Bill now applies only to state hiways, thereby removing orig. threat of placing 90% of grade costs on public agencies; AB1502: Appr. by Assem,now in Senate - Bill authoriz State Pub Wks to make impvmts on city streets for freeway traffic accomod;SB-1547: League's opinion that prospects for overcoming oppos. appear dim for cities to make their zoning,bldg & other ords applicable to other govt agencies.Bill again sched for hrg,Apr.9th.

MUNI LEADERS. Congrats to Dave Higgins on his re-election as Pres of Rich Muni Empl Assn and to his elected Bd of Dir:Mrs. Katherine Lawrence; Mssrs Bill McCoy, Coleman Hicks, Ted and Bill Nunes, Clarence Ramme & Norman Sullivan.



KEEP THE TRAINS. Off to PUC this past wk went the flwg formal appeals to reopen PUC's decision to subs. busses for trains on transbay service--Alameda-Contra Costa Tr Dist: Dist formed after hearings concl; Dist expects to form transit plan after taxing powers start July 1, resting prim. on rail service to SF; City of Berkeley: Bus changeover would be inferior to rail; poss. of using tracks for rapid transit; would support fare incr to maint rail service; Claremont Impvmt Club: Supported 2-County need for rail service; felt bus economic conditions 2nd to train conven., safety; action disregarded public preference; busses would give inadequate service.

COMPARE CAUTIOUSLY. The news release this week in THE INDEPENDENT of per capita comparisons of the govts of El Cerrito, Richmond & San Pablo revived realization in minds of many as to inadequacies of intercity per capita comparisons. The mere comparison of tax rates betw cities, too, is another ex. of inadeq. comparison. Finance experts have long been wary of such comparisons. Citizens sometimes are at a loss to understand just why such comparisons shouldn't be used. Costs of commodities purchased, for instance, are compared with each other in the light of benefits and values rec'd. The same in govt. Cities can't be fairly compared by population measures any more than can counties, states or internat'l govts. No 2 cities are the same--their customs; geographical make-up; physical facilities; services rendered; assessed wealth; demands of their people; extent to which other districts perform city services; quality & amt of services rendered per tax dollar, etc. Any comparison must be used carefully. For instance, Richmond taxpayers spend hundreds of thousands on services which are of areawide benefit and are therefore not nec to spend in El Cerrito & San Pablo, such as our indust. dev. program; the operation of our Aud., Plunge, Art Center, Libr, Alvarado and other large parks; the operation of our harbor. El Cerrito & San Pablo, too, have certain expend which are common only to their city. Other expend common only to Richmond's budget are: redev; tax assessing; urban renewal; library; sewer maint; and many others. Area, for inst., is a great factor in determ. roads to maint., areas to patrol & serve. El Cerrito's area: 4 sq mi; San Pablo, 3 sq mi; Richmond, 42. The activity of a city determines its costs, too. Richmond's projs and workloads make our city one of the Nation's busiest cities. It can therefore be seen that a high level of expends in a city is not in itself a bad sign--it can mean that a city is mtg its obligs, maintaining its streets, buildings, serving its people, etc. In other words, dollars spent mean value return to citizens.

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. Of interest in the newly-enacted State Uniform Sales Tax legislation is that 34 counties and 228 cities are now participating. In addit to collecting 1% in county areas, most counties share in city collections. Experience to date: many cities return nothing to their county; the majority, however, do give a % return, ranging from 2½% to as high as 45% in parts of San Benito. In each, the decision is based on local factors and negotiations. Our cities return 2½% to our County. Also of interest: 110 cities are still outside the Uniform Law, 2/3 of whom collect their own 1% tax. Less than 45 cities now remain (2% of State's population) without a sales tax.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES. Thanks to Kiwanis for oppor afforded me to appear before them Wed to speak on THE CITIZENS' & TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR GOVT. Points ment: Citizens as stockholders elect a Council to represent them. But they, too, have a resp. It is unfair for citizens to request new services, then complain if taxes are raised. With benefits go the burden. Also enumerated were the many accompl of the City Council during our postwar transition. Also, the need for local govt units to work together in the interests of holding down the overall cost of govt. Predicted that in next 10 yrs., Richmond would experience one of the greatest resid., commer., and industrial expansions of all times.


Edwin S. Howell, City Manager

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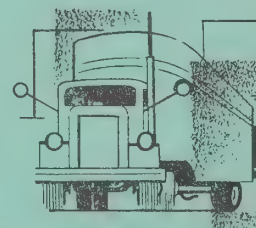
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49 YEARS OF SERVICE with the City will be celebrated this wk by 3 Dept Hds: Sun-City Atty Tom Carlson, 31 yrs; Tues-Pub Wks Dir Dick Lovejoy, 1 yr; and Thurs-City Assessor and Tax Collector Forrest Simoni, 17 yrs.

FACING OUR FUTURE. Dr. A Gerlof Homan, Stanford Research Inst. presented to the Pl.Comm, Wed, Apr 10, the results of their evaluation of further economic growth possibilities of Richmond. Also invited: mbrs of Council, Ind.Dev.Comm, Redev.Agny; reprs from El Cerrito, San Pablo, County Supv, local taxing distrs, mbrs of Ch of Comm and Dept Hds. Impt concl reveal Richmond is in a favorable or competitive position based upon its location al features, utility rates, avail. & price of land, labor supply, econ. well-being of old & new industries. Also, the progr. civic accompl of the past few yrs reflect favorably on the city as a desirable location. In the field of unfavorable characteristics, mainly developmental in nature, are susceptible of being overcome by a program consisting of 8 elements: Cont. redev & renewal; rehabilit of downtown area; provisions for industrial sewage; provis. of centralized industrial info; estab of agency to coord areawide planning & zoning; promote community support of long-range devel progr.; coop with EBMUD to provide low cost raw indust. water; poss reclamation of addit industr land. A stimulating 2 hr. question & answer period followed, those present realizing that, though Richmond had new opportunities & potential yet to realize, our city was already leading in many aspects of indust devel. Look for follow-up presen and disc on this report next Mon before the Council and next Thur before the Ind. Devel. Comm.

COME TO THE FAIR. A must on your calendar this Sat, Apr 13, at 2 pm, Mem.Aud., should be the Rich. Recreation Dept's free spring folk pageant, "County Fair Jubilee". Teen, Sr.Cit., Aquatic, Plyg'd groups all contribute--involving 750 youth and adults. This spectacular, under gen'l prod dir of Mrs Gertrude Blanchard, takes approx 3 mos of spec prep, with the assist of parents & local PTA units. This program, underway for 8 yrs, has been playing to filled capacity of recent yrs--come early!

HOLDING UP. B1 Insp Bud Poole advises that for the 1st 3 mos. of 1957, b1 permits have been issued for 164 living units in spite of today's tight money mkt. This compares to 167 for the same period in '56. Total value of these permits to date, \$1,290,669, is \$47,000 under same period last yr. This yr., heavier concentration is on mult.units, single fam.units being less than last year, a typical trend today in all areas.



THE STATE'S SHARE. Hi-lites of an artic in Natl Munic Review, Mar 57, "Salesman for the State", Dr. M. Walker: "State govts are becoming more constructive in ind. dev. activites; they are now: establ. State Devel Comms., compiling vital data, aiding in planning and zoning for industry, etc. No. 1 function of all states in econ devel is in supplying good govt. Specific areas of emphasis by state lie in providing or in guiding: hiways & other transp. facils, water supply, air & water poll. contr, flood control, power devel, education of labor supply, coop'n & aid to local govts". In 1957 Calif legis. 3 bills now being considered: ACR 26: encouraging good bus. climate in Calif; AB1712: to create State Comm on Trade & Research (info agency and handled "unfair comp'n" cases); and SB1244: to create an Ind. Devel Div of State Dept of Finance. Understand Calif is 1 of last 2 states to take state govt level action on ind. devel matters, so these bills could have imp effect on econ devel in Calif in yrs to come. Next Thurs, Ind. Devel. Comm of Richmond to study need for local support of these bills.

ESMERALDA. Released this week by PHA was invitation to purchase 47 demountable structures in Esmeralda Court (public hsg proj), Central Drive & Cutting. Bids for these units (built similar to former Harbor Gate bldgs) are to be rec'd May 8. Meanwhile, Dir of Pub Wks & B1 Insp are pres. reviewing bid regs and city's laws to see if suffic local control is given to protect city's int. against re-erection.

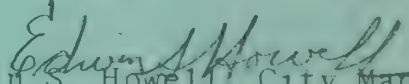
CITY-COUNTY CO-OP. Of interest in the growing complexities of local govt was the recent creation of a new type of position by the L.A. Bd of Supvs. - a city-county coordinator - just to deal with the increasingly complex relationships of the county with its cities -- some 50 in number now. New position holder will be resp for supervision of contractual relationships with cities and in addtn, will serve as trouble shooter in a wide range of city-county contacts. There has been a strong trend toward municipalization in LA County, interest for which has been heightened by the availability of county services by contract.

CITIZENS AT PLAY. The recent Recr. Assoc Conf, Sacto, saw Richmond well repr among the 1500 delegates by Msdms Olive Salt, Wilma O'Donohoe, Jo Miller, Phyllis Barusch and Mr. Claude Huntamer. Also present was panel-participant Mrs. Geneva Hanson, who spoke on "The Development of Teen Programs". We join with Maj Hill in congratulating these employees for their active particip. in this conf. and also for the many distr and statewide ofcs they hold. Keynoted Gov Knight: "All of us who have a part in shaping public policy should ponder well the new challenges to govt being presented by our people's growing leisure & their demand for wholesome, abundant recreation". Dr. Douglass, Natl Recr Assoc followed: "We shall have more people, with more time, with more money, in more age groups, with higher standards of taste. And we shall have more people who demand more & better recreation services from fewer persons".

CITIZENS AT WORK. Congrats to our Neighborhood Council (a committee of the W. Contra Costa Comm Welf Council) for their 6 mos progress report. This comm, staffed by citizens and mbrs of industry, schools, govt & social wkrs, has been established to aid citizens and neighborhoods in West County area.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR to our Library Apr 15-19 is Hussein Rifaat, Dir of US Info Agency Ctr in Beirut, Lebanon, here to study public library procedures and observe other aspects of community life. Also visiting for the month is Miss Shirley Ho of Hawaii and a student at Univ of Wash, School of Librarianship.

HE WENT THAT AWAY. Congrats to Pol Ch Chas Brown for new system which speeds (by 24 hrs) the dev of mug pics to the hands of investigators. All evidence technicians have been schooled in the devel of negatives. Graveyd shift tech now processes film for early morning distribution -- no longer nec to wait for busy photog schedule.


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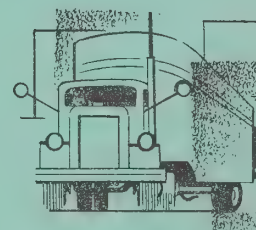
GOOD NEWS to hear that Officer Donald Hill, who was injured in line of duty last Friday night, is now home--condition improving....GOOD WISHES to Chamber Ex V.P. Ray Reeves who will celebrate his birthday next Wed....BIRTHDAY WISHES, too, to our Civic Center which was completed six years ago Monday.



A NEW RICHMOND - 1957. Thursday, May 9th, the City will cast away its postwar wraps and unveil the New Richmond to the outside financial world. Occasion: Pre-bidding tour of Richmond by Eastern and Western financial and bond houses, preparatory to bidding on our first sewer bond issue of \$3,500,000. Tent. plans incl. an organized bus tour of the city to show off many of the changes and developments which have taken place since the last time these financial magnets saw Richmond--11 years ago when they were bidding on our Civic Center bonds. We welcome this as our first real opportunity to start telling and selling the world outside of the real story of Richmond, its accomplishments, potentials, and its balanced community life. Our biggest hurdle: Convincing outsiders (and some insiders, too) that Richmond's looking ahead, not behind. Our past is history--it's the future that counts. If we don't upgrade ourselves, no one will. We must show the world we're a city to be proud of; a city we're proud to be from; a city with plenty to offer; a city with courage to fight its way back from the aftereffects of serving a Nation to a balanced peacetime community, with great ambitions, backed up by youthful ambition, civic pride and confidence.



SERVING OUR CITY. New charts are now in the making which show our city's investments in service and community development by functions over the past 10 years. Items of interest: (1) Total exp. for recreation and culture (Library, Recreation, Art Center, Auditorium, Parks, etc): \$6,348,186; (2) Total exp for public safety (Police, Fire, Bldg Reg, Traffic, etc): \$16,052,562; (3) Total exp for new streets and road maintenance: \$7,927,795; (4) Of interest, is that bond interest and redemption, which amounted to 11% of total expenditures in 1946-47, was but 4% of total expenditures in 1955-56.



LOTS OF INTEREST. Of interest to date, weeks before the City's sewer bond prospectus has even been printed, is that the City has received many requests from bond houses, interested in bidding on the City's first sewer bond sale.



FORWARD INDUSTRY. Another California city to establish the position of an Industrial Development Director is Modesto. Here too, like Richmond, a co-operative City-Chamber effort was established for the attraction of industrial development. Program is undertaken, acc'd to Ross Miller, City Mgr, "on the basis that stepped up industrial development is essential to the economic health of our community and that this investment in Modesto's future will be repaid by the results achieved." An Industrial Development Director was recruited from a S.F. Ind. Planning concern, and appointed at a salary range of \$8,000 - \$10,000.

READERS WRITE US. In recent weeks, Richmond has been appearing in numerous municipal magazines throughout the country. Featured have been highly complimentary stories on our sewer bond campaign, our municipal calendar-report, our Page of Progress. Coming in daily is a flood of mail. Within recent weeks, 75 requests have been received for info or requests for copies. Of interest are some of the comments: Sewer Campaign: "a fine example of how things can be done in a progressive city"; "one of the most thorough and best organized campaigns that we have come across"; "a well planned program"; "varied public relations techniques"; Calendar-Report: "a magnificent contribution"; "never more fascinated with any other document"; "terrifically original and important"; "above and beyond the call"; "fresh approach"; "insight into a neglected area of public relations"; Page of Progress: "excellent job"; "most helpful"; "a real service to the citizens"; "very informative". We're most appreciative of these fine comments.

DISPOSAL OF DUMPS. Of interest in these days of discussions as to garbage disposal and open dump burning elimination is the recent action of the Bd. of Supervisors of Marin County. Recently, the Board approved the formation of a county-wide garbage disposal district and the construction of two "automatic garbage disposal plants", costing approx. \$250,000. Acc'dg to proposals, these 2 plants would transform garbage (by a smoke-free, odorless process) into nutrient fertilizer for agricultural purposes, thereby eliminating disposing of garbage at the dumps..and in Denver, Colo., the City Council approved an ordinance requiring all new dwellings to be equipped with garbage disp units.

LIGHTING DOWNTOWN. Lights for downtown, for your information, are automatically turned on at 2nd and Nevin by a photocell, varying daily due to seasonal and atmospheric changes. Cell is set to turn lights on when illumination level (daylight) drops to $1\frac{1}{2}$ foot candles, acc'dg to Martin Wallen, Traffic Engr. This level is that used in the rate schedules and provides adequate light for safe movement of traffic.

GETTING THE JOB DONE. Activities reports from Pub Wks Dept for March point to real progress in advancing numerous projects to completion. A few accomplishments of community interest: (1) Solano widening underway, San Pablo to Free-way 40; (2) Improvement study underway for Carlson Blvd., Cutting to Bdwy; (3) Plans completed, Miniature Farm Zoo, estimate now due; (4) Office rearrangements completed in Engr. Div; (5) Inst. new roof on portions of 4th and Nevin Bldg.; (6) Re-opened the Plunge.

City Council Invitations

Fri., April 26 Mira Vista Country Club, 6:30 pm, League of California Cities, East Bay Division quarterly dinner mtg. (Make your reservations early with City Clerk)


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A GREAT LOSS to the City this past week was the untimely passing of our capable & conscientious Chief Electrician, Henning Nelson...this week was also saddened by the passing of Charles Birch, who was on inactive status from the Fire Department.

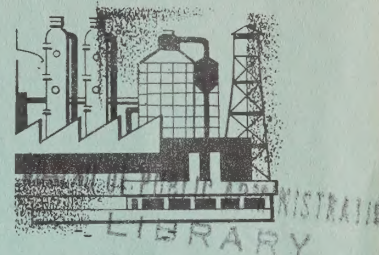
WELCOME ABOARD to Walter Johnson, as he joins our mgmt team. We wish Walt good luck as he steps in to fill an important job, pending exam--that of Henning's job as Chief Electrician.

BIRTHDAY WISHES this week: Tomorrow, Sat., to the City of San Pablo on its 9th birthday since incorporation...and, on the same day, to our City Librarian Coit Coolidge who will also be celebrating his birthday..On Tuesday, City Councilman Carl Lyford will celebrate his, too.

KEYNOTE FOR THE NEW YEAR. Distributed today to all Depts & in turn, to all administrative & supervisory pers., was the City Mgr's 1957-58 budget keynote msg. Sections of interest:"Over 2½ yrs have elapsed since I was appointed as City Mgr of Richmond. Nowhere in my previous 22 yrs of gov't experience have I been generally more pleased with the ability, accomplishments & attitudes of those on my mgmt team. I am extremely pleased to know that, however great our mgmt accomplishments have been during the last 2½ yr postwar transition period, our supervisors and admin. personnel are constantly trying to improve themselves & their service to our city." Drawn as a parallel in the msg was the similarity of objectives of mgmt as well as budgets, pointing out, "Regardless of who or what service we supervise, each of us has a place in the budget, the same as each of us has a place in the administrative org chart of this city. Perhaps more than we realize, a budget is like a supervisor:

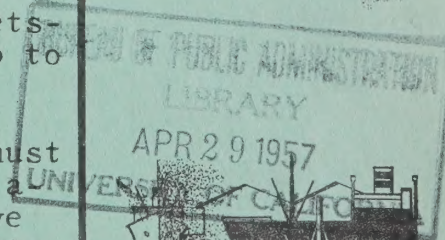
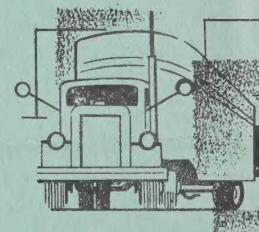
1) Management-like budgets-involve people; 2) Management wants results-budgets measure them; 3) Management-and budgets-control costs; 4) Budgets reflect mgmt's ability to keep up to date; & 5) Mgmt-and budgets-must divide services.

Concluding, the keynote said, "As you well know, Richmond must lean heavily on sound budgeting to solve its many problems & head. Richmond must lean heavily, too, on its administrative supervision & employees to properly & efficiently execute its budget. We are confident, however, that our city has the best management-employee team anywhere. In the coming year, it remains for all of us to work closer together, to accomplish an assignment which has been given each of us by the City Council--to build a Better Richmond.

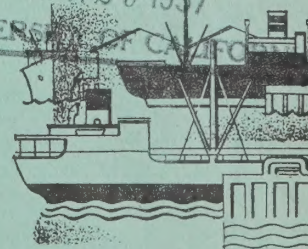


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PRESIDENTIAL APPEAL. Our City's recent honor in having been selected to send its Mayor to represent it and the Western U.S., & to join with other U. S. Mayors in the loan and grant urban renewal budget appeal to Pres. Eisenhower, has resulted in follow-up communications recently received:

...from Sherman Adams, Asst. to the Pres., "the President made clear his continuing strong interest in the program which can contribute so effectively to the improvement of American cities and living conditions of American citizens."

...from Albert M. Cole, Administrator, "While my recommendation to the Congress for the next yr be increased by \$175 million reflects a concern for economy in Govt, it is my firm belief that it will provide for a vigorous forward-moving program of urban renewal in fiscal yr 1958. If an urgent demand should develop in fiscal 1958 for the \$100 million already authorized in addition to the \$900 million now available & such further authorization as may be enacted by the Congress, I shall be prepared to seek its utilization." Mr. Cole went on to point out that the recent policy directive as issued by his agency restricting new project grants, is expected to be cancelled at the end of this fiscal yr, when new authorizations are made available.

TROUBLED WATERS. Another item on the subject of nat'l budget reductions, saw an abrupt about-face last wk as the House of Reps reversed itself & restored the urgently needed \$50 million sewage treatment grants to cities for the 2nd fiscal year in the originally-intended 10-yr program. The bill is presently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. This action does not directly affect Richmond in view of our qualification in the 1st yr's grant of \$50 million. We are greatly concerned however that this program should continue and are pleased to note that our Congressman, John Baldwin, so voted.

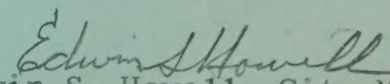
THE RECORD OF THE PAST. The Richmond Museum Assn., itself is making history, & on Sat eve., May 11th, will celebrate its 5th anniversary. Also of interest is the fact that the Assoc recently rec'd a rare collection of U.S. gold & silver coins & currency, dating back to the 1860's.

OUR LEISURE TIME. Richmond's Recreation Advisory Bd. held a recent mtg. at which time numerous items of community interest were discussed & acted upon: (1) Launching Ramp: Efforts are being made with USMA officials to remove the 90-day cancellation clause, and if successful, State Wildlife Bd. might help finance project; (2) Tiller Park: Board appr'd a recomm. to ask City Council to close Sierra Ave for a 90-day trial period where it bisects Tiller Park; (3) Atchison Park: Policy thinking of Bd. felt that the \$75,000 tentative improvement program for Atch Park should not be given special priority in overall city park development; (4) Fairmede Area: Rec. Dir I. Hill reported that a part-time director started April 15 on privately-owned recr. site, as prepared by the residents and that funds for permanent staff would be req. in new budget. In add'n, Rec. Dept now has teen and adult program at DeAnza High; (5) Campsites: Bd. rec'd presentations of variously-located campsites but concluded, since no funds are avail. for non-local projs, that recr within the community should first be improved before outside projs are begun; (6) Hoffman Homeowners: Representatives appeared, stressing needs for recr in their area, & alternate sites were discussed by Bd., incl possible joint use of school property in area. Board recommended that Homeowners petition Council for rec. facil, which action probably would be ref'd to Pl Comm & Rec Bd for report. FLASH!

FLASH! LAUNCHING RAMP: USMA just advised us their property not available for recreational use.

City Council Invitations

Sun. Apr 28 - 2:00-4:00 pm. Staff & student body extend open house invitation to visit new campus of West Contra Costa J.C., which was occupied for first time last September.


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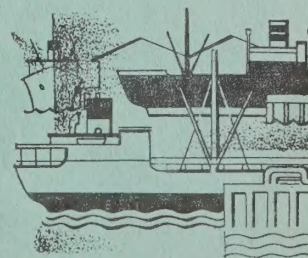
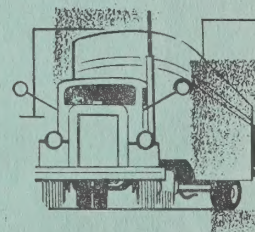
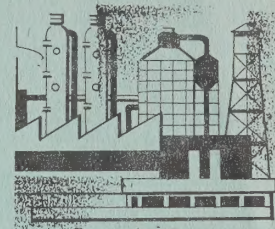
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CONGRATS to Fin Dir, Woody Mayfield who, on Tues., will be completing his 1st yr of service with the City... and on Wed, Richmond will join with the Nation in solemn remembrance to those who served their country in World War II, for on this day, V-E Day will be 12 years old.

IN GOOD HANDS. Public Schools Week gave us an opportunity to visit several of the local schools. It was a most enjoyable evening, watching the children proudly showing off their work their classrooms, and their parents. Most interesting things to us were the various city govt class proj's on exhibit. In State Elementary, 3rd grade, for instance, all of the students worked on a proj and each has made a bound report labelled, "Our City". To gather the info for their books, each had written to different sources of info in the City. In addition, crayon renderings covered the walls, depicting various phases of community life and various developments. Judging by this example of youthful citizen interest, we would say that our future City of Richmond is indeed in good hands...also, of interest was the fact that the Redevelopment Agency, in working thru their class student representative, did a nice pub relations job. Final Plan maps of the surrounding areas were nicely mounted & proudly displayed by the student...attracting good citizen attention. Everyone, including the students, were interested in what their future area would look like. CONTRATS to Dr. Miner, his Board and the teaching staff for this opportunity for us to visit our fine schools.

SMOOTHER DRIVING. The State Div of Hwys informs us that a contract has been awarded to Lee Immel to resurface San Pablo Ave from Nevin to the South City Limits, and Hoffman Blvd from 7th & Cutting to South 24th Street.

IMPROVING OUR APPROACHES. Entrances to cities can be an important community asset for they make such lasting impressions. Great strides are being made along Hoffman now that Seaport Hsg Proj has gone--a few non-dwelling structures remain but they are largely in the process of demolition. A few bldgs, formerly mkts serving Seaport but now shacks (at So 47th-Hoffman) are the prime target of our B1 Reg Div. Here Fran Winans, Zoning Enfc'r, is after the property owner with a voluntary demolition notice, to be followed up by official Council action if not effective. Progress is also being made over on Eastshore Blvd where B1 Insp John Massey, in coop with Div of Hwys has succeeded in expediting the demol of dilapidated store bldgs, Tehama to Burlingame. Congrats to Bud Poole and Dick Lovejoy for their leadership in this important phase of building enforcement.



PLANNING OUR NEW CITY. City's Planning Comm spent Tues nite looking hard at many of the jobs and projs ahead for the city. The Commission's goal: completion of a new General Plan to succeed the present Interim Plan...problems considered by the Commission: Moving people and vehicles thru the city; Measures to aid in improving the health of the city's commercial centers; How to secure & develop recreation facilities for today & tomorrow; Tideland reclamation for industrial expansion; The use of renewal to stretch the city's dollars spent on capital improvements...ahead for the Commission: More looking, with the aid of civic & citizens' groups. Congrats to the Pl Comm, Pl Dir Bill Mason & staff for keeping Richmond's eye to the future, based on a practical program of community development. As we emerge from our transition period, with our sights aimed at the objective of a Greater Richmond, we must lean heavily upon a sound program of growth, understood & supported by our citizens, conserving & making the best maximum use of our financial & natural resources.

DOWN THEY COME. Word has been rec'd by the City that PHA has rec'd approval to prepare the 2 remaining non-dwelling bldgs in Proj 1-C for off-site sale (Cutting Market @ 45th & Warehouse @ 48th and Potrero). City has since submitted a suggestion to PHA that they do everything possible to expedite the demolition of the Market, now an eyesore, which bldg happens to be across the street from the Pilot Project. Object: Getting ready for the 1st community showing of the Pilot Project, June 15th.

PERFECTING OUR BUYING. Congrats to Woody Mayfield, Fin. Dir., for putting into effect a new purchasing procedure following resolutions of policy as directed by the City Council. New procedure is designed to produce better coordination & service between the Purch Div and various depts. Interesting provisions: (1) "Rush" orders are to be held to an absolute minimum. Repeated rush orders are not only costly to the City but also a direct reflection on the ability of the dept to schedule its work: (2) "Care must be used to avoid using a 'closed' description or spec which describes the product of 1 mfr and prevents competition". (3) "A list of employees delegated to sign purch reqs shall be filed with the Purch Div"; (4) "Standing orders, based on consolidated quantities, will be awarded on competit. bids if deemed advantageous to city"; (5) "The rec'g dept will in all cases be resp for inspecting and for accepting or rejecting deliveries"; (6) All purchases of materials or services shall be with a prior req. & purch order, appv'd by the Purch Div, except (a) Standing orders; (b) Petty cash (less than \$2); (c) Emergency purchases for plant breakdown, which would jeopardize services or damage equipment; (7) "Personal purchases will be made by the City only when the item or items are required parts of a worker's equip & are necessary to the successful performance of his duties as an employee of the City"; (8) "The acceptance of any gratuity in the form of cash, merchandise, or any other thing of value by any official or employee of the City or by, or in behalf of any member of his family, from any vendor or contractor, or prospective vendor or contractor, shall be deemed to be a violation of these regulations & shall be cause for disciplinary action"; (9) "Price & quality being equal, preference in award of the bid shall be given to 'local bidders'".

STOP AND GO. Div of Hwys has notified that contract has been awarded to O.C. Jones & Sons for install. of traffic signals & channelization @ intersection of So. 37th & Hoffman, starting the 2nd wk in May. This install. will provide for left turn movement & better access to & from Harbor Gate area.

City Council Invitations

Thurs., May 9th - 12:30 p.m.--Bermuda Room, Auditorium. City to host financial representatives preparatory to bond bidders' tour of City. Reservations to be made by Monday, May 6th.

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